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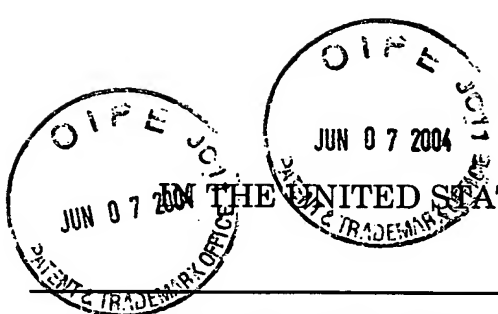
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For: LENS BARREL HAVING A FLARE
DIAPHRAGM WHICH CAN ADVANCE INTO
AND RETREAT FROM THE OPTICAL PATH
TO ELEIMINATE DETERIOUS LIGHT
RESULTING FROM MOVEMENT OF THE
LENS

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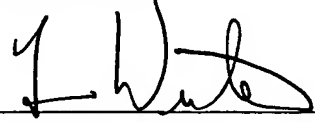
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Favorable action is awaited.

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